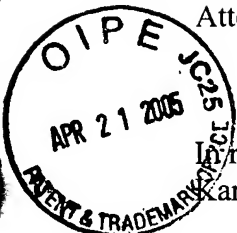


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II (which includes claims 82-138) for examination.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (*Ref. No. 017289-0311760*).

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